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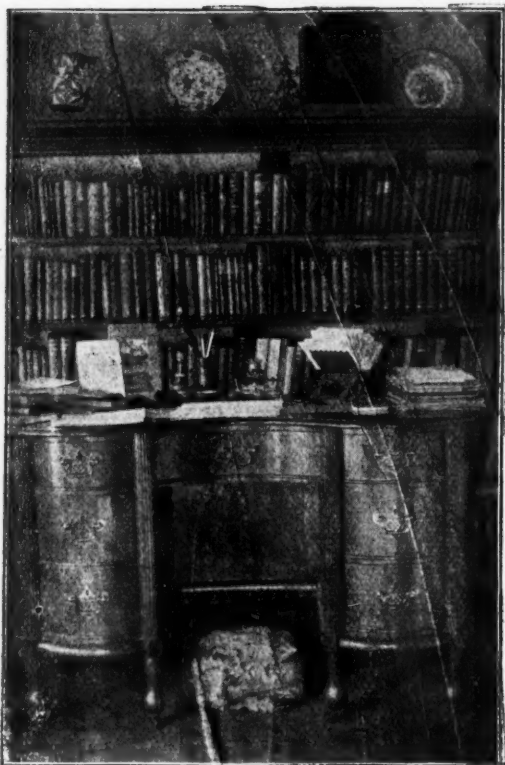
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Life

LET me but live my life from year to year,
With forward face and unreluctant soul,
Not hastening to, nor turning from the goal;
Not mourning for the things that disappear
In the dim past, nor holding back in fear
From what the future veils; but with a whole
And happy heart that pays its toll
To Youth and Age, and travels on with cheer:
So let the way wind up the hill or down,
Though rough or smooth, the journey will be joy
Still seeking what I sought when but a boy,
New friendship, high adventure, and a crown,
I shall grow old, but never lose life's zest,
Because the road's last turn will be the best.

Henry van Dyke.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



"So nigh is grandeur to the dust,
So near is God to man,
When Duty whispers low, 'Thou must,'
The Youth replies, 'I can.'"

The foregoing lines have been singing in my thought, as I have prepared the material for this number; for, with a few exceptions, the articles have been written either by or for our young people. God bless and keep them, and fit them for wise and loyal leaders in the future! May the history of the Young People's Missionary Movement, by their general secretary; the suggestions for the mission study class, by Miss Deering; the beautiful thought for the Quiet Hour, by the editor of the young people's department in the *Star*; the glimpses of youthful life in India, and of several phases of mission work at home; the bit of

Sunshine, and the Helps for Monthly Meetings,—may all these have their special message. Yes, our dear Mother Ramsey, also, sends her greeting, through a life of noble service, of years of patient waiting, and now of glorious triumph. Once she wrote:—

"Hark! He calls the young to serve him!
While our lives are fair and sweet,
All our strength and all our beauty
We will lay before his feet;
Doing, daring,
In his glorious name complete!"

... Mrs. Ramsey has been so much to our denomination, and especially to the woman's work, since the early days, that it will be fitting to have a brief memorial at the close of the thank-offering service, wherever held, referring to the biographical sketch in previous *HELPERS*, the article in this number, her volume of poems, "A Censer," and to personal recollections. About a year before she entered the larger life, she wrote to a friend: "I am homesick for the better land. I want to know what lies beyond this vale of tears. I want to know the secrets of the

immortals." Many letters now coming to the desk pay tender tribute to her memory. One worker writes: "I think we shall all feel a sense of loneliness because of Mrs. Ramsey's home-going. Her spirit was so peaceful; but she had well earned a transport; so God be thanked that she hath entered the haven." A post card recently received from Sinclair Orphanage contains this good news: "Three more girls have applied for baptism and joined the inquirer's class." . . . Miss Coombs writes from the Bible School in New York, where she is studying: "I am reveling in the opportunities I am having here — everything comfortable, a homey atmosphere, and practical Christian living exemplified every day. Dr. White, the president, is full of enthusiasm and a great admirer of the Bible—nothing 'worn out' about it to him. He is finding something new continually, and giving us new thoughts in the classes. The other teachers are all excellent." . . . Mrs. George expects to have "One Day with a Girl in India" ready to send out in leaflet form in season for the Cradle Roll Rallies. Mrs. Chapman has received some new leaflets on Japan, since her last announcement. She says that they are "fine." Write to her about them, if you are in need. . . . Invitations were issued for a reception to Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Stone by the "Sanitarium Management," Battle Creek, Mich., Feb. 8th. . . . The "Annual Letter" of the Maine W. M. S. is a model of its kind. . . . Very interesting and encouraging letters have come from India which must wait until next month, but they will be of value to our thank-offering number. . . . Dr. Mary Bacheler wrote to Mrs. Ricker: "Thank you so much for sending so many things by the missionaries. Do tell each one who sent anything that I thank her individually for her thoughtfulness. I gave one of the dolls to a little girl whose mother is one of my patients. They came from a town a long way off and stayed a month. When I gave her the doll, I wish you could have seen the deep pleasure in her little face. It was altogether beyond words, even if she had tried to express it. Another doll I gave to a poor little thing who has been having abscesses on her neck. I told her when she came to the dispensary for the last time I would give it to her. I used to take her in my arms, little naked brown thing, and show her the doll and tell her it was hers. The S. S. pictures will be very useful. Whenever the children of the Sunday afternoon class see the rolls, they begin to nestle and nudge each other and say, 'Now we are going to look at pictures!'" . . . The Young People's Missionary Movement announces dates of July 21-30 for the Annual Conference of Young People's Leaders, to be held at Silver Bay on Lake George, N. Y. The first half hour of each day will be spent in quiet devotional Bible study under the leadership of Bishop James M. Thoburn of India, who has consented to serve as the Conference pastor. This will be followed by an hour of conference concerning approved methods of work in churches, Sunday schools, and young people's societies. The third hour of the day will be given to home and foreign mission study classes. At eleven o'clock each day there will be platform addresses by prominent speakers, on missionary or devotional themes. The afternoons will be devoted entirely to rest and recreation, with an almost ideal environment of mountain and lake. The evening hour will be occupied by an open air vesper service, followed by denominational group meetings, where denominational representatives may formulate plans for the work of the ensuing year. For further information apply to Harry S. Myers, Hillsdale, Mich.

MRS. VIENNA G. RAMSEY *

BY A FRIEND

Every noble life leaves the fibre of it interwoven forever in the works of the world.—*Ruskin*.

MRS. RAMSEY deserves more than a passing notice by the MISSIONARY HELPER. For she was not only an officer of the Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society for many years, serving both as home secretary and a member of the board, but for several years was president of the old "Freewill Baptist Female Missionary Society." She was a co-worker with Mrs. Hills, Mrs. Hayes, and Mrs. Sinclair. These four have gone to another life within four years, and they are almost the last of that generation of women.

Mrs. Hills and Mrs. Ramsey were especially dear to each other. They lived in Dover, N. H., for several years, Mrs. Ramsey dying in the home they enjoyed together. She was an invalid ever after Mrs. Hills's death, and during the most of this time, her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mary Edgar Ramsey, cared for her devotedly, and with her husband, Mrs. Ramsey's only son, watched by her at the last.

Mrs. Ramsey was a very strong woman—both of head and heart. She was equal to great sacrifices for her friends, and for causes which she loved, never hesitating to make them when circumstances demanded. Her poems are markedly strong in religious sentiment, and devotion to the right. These qualities made it possible for her to endure both physical and mental pain like a hero, and to act bravely even though on the unpopular side.

A friend tells a story about her, in connection with her experiences in the Female Missionary Society. She says Mrs. Ramsey would laughingly tell Mrs. Hills, "I am not as gentle and yielding as you, because I would not serve as an officer if I could not read my own report." To appreciate this fully, one should read the records of this society. They show that men presided at public meetings, read the reports, and gave the addresses. At the very last one held by the society, October 7, 1868, Hon. J. O'Donnelly presided, Rev. S. Curtis opened the exercises with prayer, and "the annual report of the corresponding secretary was read by Pres. Cheney of Bates College." And our dear Mother Hills was this corresponding secretary! It was the fearlessness of such women as Mrs. Ramsey that helped to make it possible for women now to live more individual lives than the women of 1868 could possibly live.

Her face in death was indicative of the forceful mold in which she was cast. At the funeral service, held in the Washington Street church, Dover, her pastor, A. E. Wilson, spoke of her tenderly as a "mother in Israel"; Rev. G. C. Water-

* See biographical sketch in the January, 1900, HELPER.

man paid a beautiful tribute to her memory as a personal friend ; and the treasurer of the F. B. Woman's Missionary Society, who knew her well, spoke of her as a missionary worker, and read selections from Mrs. Ramsey's poems, closing with one from " My Heritage " :—

" Stand for thy Father in the world's great fight ;
With loyal heart uphold his Kingly right
To reign from pole to pole ;
Wear royal arms, and boldly strike a blow
For God and right, that heaven on earth may know
Thou hast a godlike soul."

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT

BY HARRY S. MYERS, GEN. SEC. OF F. B. Y. P.

At the Ecumenical Conference, in 1900, a special sectional conference was composed of those who were officially and specially interested in mission work among young people. This Conference appointed a committee which called another conference which met in New York City in December, 1901, and was largely attended. This Conference appointed another committee, of which Rev. R. D. Lord, D. D., was a member to arrange for a summer conference of a few officials on this subject.

It was at this summer gathering, at Silver Bay, N. Y., in July, 1902, that the first steps looking towards a definite organization were taken. This Conference of ten days was a surprise to all. The interest in the subject, as shown by the delegates, made it necessary to change somewhat the idea of the Conference. At first this was thought to be merely for national and State officials, but the attendance and interest made it necessary to admit others.

The plan of organization, not designated a constitution, provides that the executive committee, which is the managing board, shall be composed of individuals, chosen annually, who are approved by various mission boards. Several of the members are the young people's secretaries of their boards. The policy of the movement commits it to the assistance of mission boards. It is a clearing house for them.

One of the phases of work best illustrating this is mission study. There was a general desire to promote mission study, but it was expensive to provide new books, and but few old books could be found that were suitable. Even the Methodists, with their splendid organization and numerous societies, were having hard work to make this plan work. Then the Epworth League and Christian Endeavor entered jointly into a plan to promote study and secure text-books, and a year ago this was all turned over to the Young People's Missionary Movement.

Now denominations as small as ours can secure as good text-books as the largest at the same price, and by ordering a small edition can have its name on the title page. The Movement has made this possible.

It has also provided maps of countries at small prices; these are merely outline and for class work only. It has provided pictures to go with the study books; by producing these in large quantities we are able to make the price small, but the Movement sells nothing except to denominational mission boards.

By the seven conferences already held, over 1,500 young people have been reached for mission enterprise. Over seventy-five have volunteered for foreign service. Last summer, at Silver Bay, one young lady volunteered, and received appointment as a home missionary.

The executive committee is composed as follows: Harry Wade Hicks, Chairman American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (Congregational); John Willis Baer, Presbyterian Home Mission; W. M. Bell, D. D., United Brethren; Rev. F. P. Haggard, Baptist; A. W. Halsey, D. D., Presbyterian Foreign Mission; W. R. Lambuth, D. D., Southern Methodist Mission; R. P. MacKay, D. D., Canadian Presbyterian Mission; A. D. Mason, D. D., Reformed Church of America (Dutch Reformed); Harry S. Myers, Free Baptist General Conference Board; A. L. Phillips, D. D., Southern Presbyterian Mission; Don O. Shelton, American Missionary Association (Congregational); F. C. Stephenson, M. D., Canadian Methodists; S. Earl Taylor, Northern Methodists; Rev. Charles R. Watson, United Presbyterian; John W. Wood, Episcopal.

We Free Baptists owe our connection to the Movement in this way: Several of us were at that first meeting in New York City in 1900. Rev. R. D. Lord, D. D., was at the December meeting in 1901, and was elected on the executive committee. He resigned in three months and I was appointed to succeed him. In July, 1902, I was elected to the committee, subject to the approval of the General Conference Board, and have been re-elected each year since, subject to that condition.

The Movement is supported by pledges made by interested friends and boards. One board has contributed as high as \$300 per year, and one individual has given as high as \$1200 per year.

The Movement has offices in New York City. Mr. C. V. Vickrey is the secretary and has clerks and assistants. It is now enlarging its exhibit, a part of which was at the General Conference last fall, and was visited by several hundred people. It is already planning for two conferences next summer, Silver Bay on Lake George, N. Y., July 21-31, and one either west or south.

The Movement has also helped in denominational and metropolitan conferences, many of which are attended and assisted each year.

We have had representatives at all of the conferences thus far held, except at Lookout Mountain, and the people who have attended are doing a splendid work in their various States. Next summer we ought to have about a dozen at these conferences, to get filled with the genius of Christ's kingdom and return to their fields to make the work grow.

Hillsdale, Mich.

ONE DAY WITH A GIRL IN INDIA

BY MISS L. C. COOMBS

A HINDU GIRL

TAKING the Hindu home from which the average orphanage girl would come, there would be no separate sleeping room from which our little girl could come forth in the morning, but she would get up from her mat in the corner of the general room where she has been sleeping with the family, in another corner of which is the cooking place with its dishes, and the brass platter and *lota* for the rice and water of last evening's meal, left just as they were used the night before. After the family are all up, the mats on which they slept must be put out in the sun, and also the little, hard, dirty pillows, if they are so fortunate (?) as to have them. The floor must be swept with a little broom or brush made of the leaves of the date-palm, and if our little girl is eight or nine years old and has no older sister or sister-in-law, she will have to wash the floor with a mixture of earth, water, and cow manure. Then she will take the brass dishes used for last night's supper to a near-by tank or well, and wash and scour them till they shine and sparkle like new ones.

After this is done, she will spend more or less time, according to her disposition, in cleaning her teeth, which is done by chewing the end of a stick till it will serve the purpose of a brush, and then rubbing, rubbing, and rubbing the teeth. She will not eat the slightest thing till this is done. If there is a cow and the mother has finished milking, the little girl may lead the cow to graze or tie her to a stake driven near by. Possibly there are goats that will have to be tethered in the same way. It is now time to begin to cook the rice for the first meal of the day. Our little girl may have to go to the shop for rice or perhaps borrow it of a near by neighbor. Perhaps the spices for the curry, and the oil in which to cook it, have to be bought and she can be trusted to do this. She may be old enough to roll the spices on the curry stone and make them into a pasty substance, but the mother must superintend the cooking and the little girl can go and play till the father and brothers have eaten, and then she can eat with her mother. Her play might be to re-tether the goats or to "play house," when she has a miniature cooking place with all its accompaniments, or she may play

poojah by making a little earthen image and placing leaves and flowers before it for offerings, as she has seen the priests of the temples do; or if she can find some other little girl, they may have a game of jackstones, or hopscotch, or a counting game.

In the afternoon, after the mother has had a nap or a gossip with her neighbor over the wall, then comes the time for the little girl's hair to be combed, and,



NOTE.—The girls with plates on their heads, in the picture, are four of the kindergarten children in Sinclair Orphanage. Beginning at the left, they are—Jennie, Jaminie, Rani, and Josemonie. The end of their house is shown.

bringing comb, oil, and hand glass, they sit on the floor of the veranda, which for the time becomes a barber shop, and from the process the little girl emerges with tightly drawn back hair, gathered into a "pug," shining with a liberal use of oil. This is not, however, a part of the daily program; in fact, it oftener becomes weekly than otherwise. Then the breakfast dishes are to be washed for the evening meal, the cows and goats brought home, more shopping to be done, more spices to be prepared for the evening rice, and often the child goes off to

her mat before the father comes. Then it is a sleepy little girl who eats her rice with her mother after the others have been served, and she is glad to run back to her mat again for the night.

IN SINCLAIR ORPHANAGE

Our Orphanage girl sleeps in a long row of girls in a building built specially for a sleeping room. She has her own mat and pillow which she must take out into the sun in the early morning, and then she will go with others to receive her lunch of parched rice. After this, according to her *pala* (turn), she must help bring water for the cook house and bathing, help sweep the rooms or look after some of the very little ones, and then, in turn, must have her own bath and her hair combed by one of the larger girls. After a little she will go to the large dining-room with the others to have her breakfast of rice which has been prepared by those whose turn it is. Now comes school, which may be kindergarten, but for our eight-year old is more likely to be the girls' school, opening with Bible and singing and having its regular studies, sewing classes, etc., for five hours, with a short intermission.

When school is out the fact is known far and wide, for such shouting and singing, running and jumping, would do credit to any school in Yankee land! Tag, drop the handkerchief, ring round Rosy, and hopscotch all go on together, while groups may be singing, here and there, or the more sober ones indulging in some quiet game by themselves.

As twilight falls, they all gather for prayers, then for their evening meal, and afterward for the study hour, till our little girl nods, her eyes grow heavy, and she is off to her mat and the Land of Nod.

CLASS WORK IN JAPANESE MISSIONS

BY HARRIET A. DEERING

A FEW suggestions are requested for a class of young people who are to study mission work in Japan. Their text-book is, as you know, De Forest's "Sunrise in the Sunrise Kingdom," and they could have none better. It is written in a simple, clear, narrative style, is as interesting as a romance, and puts you in touch at once with the land and the people.

Twice a month is none too often for the class to meet, the current magazines, and even the newspapers, are so full of articles on Japanese customs, prominent men and women of the country, and national characteristics. All this is so interesting, when talked over in class, that you grow fascinated with the subject, and would meet every week, if possible.

First of all, the leader must obtain the little pamphlet, "Helps for Leaders," from Mr. Harry S. Myers of Hillsdale, Mich.; or perhaps from the Morning Star

Publishing House. With this in hand and a few hours for preparation for each lesson, he can but make a success of the class. He will find every lesson outlined; lists of books for general reading, references to various current magazine articles, topics for research work, and many helpful charts.

Let each member of the class secure some book on Japan for general reading, in connection with the class work. He can get it from the Young People's or the Public Library; or, perhaps, borrow from a friend, if he cannot purchase for himself. From this general reading he will contribute something each evening, not by re-reading it aloud, but telling it as best he may, thus making the knowledge more truly his own in giving it to others. What he brings may not be directly in line with the special topic for the evening, but it will throw light on the country or its people and perhaps help us to comprehend better their attitude towards the religion of Christ.

Let one member be appointed to report regularly the progress of the war and the prospects of peace, and another keep in touch with the current magazines and report such articles on Japan as that in last October's *Atlantic Monthly*, the one in January's *Harper's Bazar*, George Kennan's article in the *Outlook*, and mission items in the *Morning Star* and *MISSIONARY HELPER*. If the class members have not access to such articles, then the leader may take a few minutes now and then and give the gist of them, in an informal talk.

The difficulty of pronouncing the many Japanese names is overcome by giving a few minutes each evening to a pronouncing exercise, until each one understands the vowel sounds so well that a new word no longer inspires terror, but can be pronounced correctly at sight.

We come together not to recite, but to learn. Each one brings a bit of inspiration for the others, and as we sit before the map of Japan and look at pictures of its strange scenes, and talk over the beliefs and the customs of its people, the men and women and little children over there seem just a part of our own great family, only they are still in the dark. And then we pray together "Our Father," and "Thy kingdom come."

Portland, Maine.

CALL FOR THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL THANK-OFFERING

DEAR COMRADES: As we send forth the call for our fifteenth thank-offering—the crystal anniversary of this beautiful feature of our work—we are reminded not only of the mercies of the past year, but also of the accumulated causes for thankfulness throughout the entire period of its observance by the Woman's Missionary Society. Fourteen years ago we were confronted by the necessity of enlarged work, with no visible means of supplying the demand.

At the meeting of the board, held in the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. D. Lord, Brooklyn, N. Y., it was decided to send a call to the auxiliaries for an annual thank-offering service to be held in the month of May. This was done. The call received a hearty, if not a general, response, and the first offering was between three and four hundred dollars. Since then, the service has been more and more widely observed, and the amount of the offering has steadily increased, the last one being \$1,631.98. This extra gift has, from year to year, met the ever increasing demands upon the treasury—which have not been supplied by regular contributions or the income of permanent funds—thus saving it from an annual deficit. But beyond and above the fact that the offering itself has provided for actual needs, let us not forget that the spirit of the observance has strengthened our organization and its work, illuminated the service wherever held, blessed the individual member, and permeated the homes where the thank-offering boxes have been in evidence with their mute appeal for daily recognition of common mercies. So let us thank our Heavenly Father for *all* that the thank-offering represents.

What of the past twelve months? First of all, we rejoice that such a goodly number of girls in Sinclair Orphanage have become Christians and members of the church, and that Miss Dawson is proving herself such a spiritual leader, as well as efficient superintendent. The work of the Bible women and zenana teachers is less and less hindered by opposition, more and more invited; government grants to our Hindu schools have been raised; Henderson Home, for our missionaries in Midnapore, including Brown Dispensary for Dr. Mary Bacher, has been completed at an expense of over three thousand dollars. The Caroline A. Bradbury Kindergarten Hall, at Balasore, begun last year, has been completed, and is a very substantial building, well adapted to kindergarten needs; the vacancy occasioned by the marriage of Miss Phillips has been temporarily supplied; the well for the Orphanage—of which there was distressing need—has been provided for. The permanent funds of the society have been increased by \$2,600. The new demonstration kitchen at Storer College is being used with good results; there are more classes in cookery than ever before. The needs of the regular work during the year have been met, and the several departments have been blessed with success. New Little Light Bearers are constantly being added to the Cradle Rolls. A department for the young people in the MISSIONARY HELPER—so long urged—has been opened for their help in mission classes, with a consecrated and able young woman for its editor. The interdenominational mission study is a growing power among us for the quickening of missionary intelligence.

We are thankful for the influence of the lives of our beloved comrades—

from our pioneer worker and poet, Mrs. Ramsey, to the members of the smallest auxiliaries — who have passed from earthly labors to heavenly experiences. We are profoundly grateful for the Christian spirit which has been manifested by our workers, in the midst of sincere differences of opinion as to the future policy of the W. M. S., a spirit so strong and loyal that they have not been deflected from present duty.

The children are welcomed to an offering of their very own, a thank-offering that shall help provide for the salary of their missionary, Miss Barnes; kindergarten work for the wee ones in India, and the domestic science department at Storer College. The special junior mite-boxes may be obtained of Mrs. A. D. Chapman, 12 Prescott St., Lewiston, Maine, and the dollie mite-boxes, for the Cradle Rolls and Advanced Light Bearers, of Mrs. Ada M. L. George, Ashland, N. H. The Light Bearers support four children in Sinclair Orphanage.

As usual, a program and other helps for the May meeting will appear in the April HELPER. A public meeting in the church is very desirable, under the auspices of the auxiliary or others in the church where there is no auxiliary organization. It should be a deeply spiritual service, wherever held, in church, vestry, or the home. Let the sisters who cannot attend any gathering observe the hour in May, and send their gift to our general treasurer, Miss L. A. DeMeritte, Ocean Park, Maine. Auxiliary and church offerings should be sent to the Quarterly Meeting and State treasurers; or, where there are none, to Miss DeMeritte, as above.

Let us remember the fact that the thank-offering is a special, free-will gift; not a part of the "tenth," nor the payment of a due, or the membership fee. It will be counted as part of the State apportionment, however, and may be applied toward life memberships. Invitations and envelopes are free, and may be obtained upon application to Miss Edyth R. Porter, 45 Andover St., Peabody, Mass.

Let prayer be a very special feature of this service; not only of thanksgiving for the bounties of the year, but also for guidance in the coming months; for blessing upon the work for which we are necessarily responsible; upon that of our entire denomination, and the work of the wide world.

CLARA A. RICKER,
NELLIE WADE WHITCOMB, } Committee.
LINDA V. JORDAN,

I DO not say, with Richter's dreamer, "Give me back my youth," that willful undisciplined thing. My youth shines before me. I come from the west; I travel to the east. What is any monument to the advancing soul? It lives in the future. It leaves the past. It recollects not itself, and would not have us recollect it.—C. A. Bartol, D. D.

THE BEST MISSIONARY MEETING I EVER ATTENDED

BY H. S. C.

THE success of a missionary meeting depends, in a large measure, on the interest of its leader. She may not be gifted as a leader, she may not be eloquent, she may not be educated or polished in the common acceptance of these terms, but if she has the true missionary spirit, the meeting in her hands will be full of interest, the feelings of those present stirred, and the manifestation of this will be seen, later, in the liberal offering for the work which has been presented.

I attended a meeting on mission work in India, some time ago, which was almost ideal. The leader, a bright young woman, capable and well read, was overflowing with her subject, and had carefully prepared for the service. Several weeks previous some of the young people had been assigned different subjects. A map of the denominational field was on the blackboard with the principal stations indicated. The meeting opened with a short, appropriate praise service, immediately followed by a dozen or more prayers, which seemed to be a forerunner of the good things to follow. After the Scripture lesson, the leader, using the map, spoke of the missionaries who occupied the different stations, and told something of their work.

One of the members presented some facts about the people of the country—their habits, customs, and dress. Another read of "The Wrongs of India's Womanhood," of the startling and dreadful and shameful treatment of the young wives and widows of this dark land. The worship of Jagurnath, of the festivals and pilgrimages connected with this once popular and powerful heathen deity, was recited by one interested in the doing away of these cruel and life-destroying practices. Many interesting items of information were listened to, as others spoke of the work in India as it had been brought to their attention.

For a half hour before the service there was on exhibition in the room a large number of pictures, illustrating life in India, which had been collected and mounted by the leader. Many came early to look at these pictures. The offering taken for mission work in India was an indication that the hearts of the listeners had been stirred to promote the coming of the kingdom of Christ in this heathen land.

Lawrence, Mass.

 IN HIS STEPS

BY MRS. MARY B. WINGATE

BORN within a lowly stable

Where the cattle round me stood,

Trained a carpenter in Nazareth,

I have toiled and found it good.

They who tread this path of labor,

Follow where my feet have trod ;

They who walk without complaining

Do the holy will of God.

FROM OUR COMMITTEE

DEAR FELLOW-WORKERS :—

Your committee appointed to consider and report on plan of the Joint Committee, of General Conference and Woman's Missionary Society, are giving their careful and prayerful consideration to all the interests involved. A meeting was held while Rev. Elizabeth Moody was in the East, when all the members were present and a full day was given to inquiries and statements of conditions East and West and in India.

No action can be taken until the report of the committee is presented at the special society meeting to be held in Massachusetts in May. Due notice of time and place of this meeting will appear in *Star* and *HELPER*, and it is very desirable that there be a large number of our members present.

Auxiliaries, Quarterly Meeting or Yearly Meeting societies can send delegates, either with or without instructions to represent them, if they desire, and every woman present who is a member of the Woman's Missionary Society will have full voting power.

In the meantime, any individuals or societies that wish to express their opinions, are at liberty to write to the committee.

The unanimous wish of the committee, and in this they certainly represent their constituency, is that the right course may be decided upon.

As a society we are again looking to the Father for guidance, as we have looked in the past. Let each one pray, so that all may share in the answering blessing.

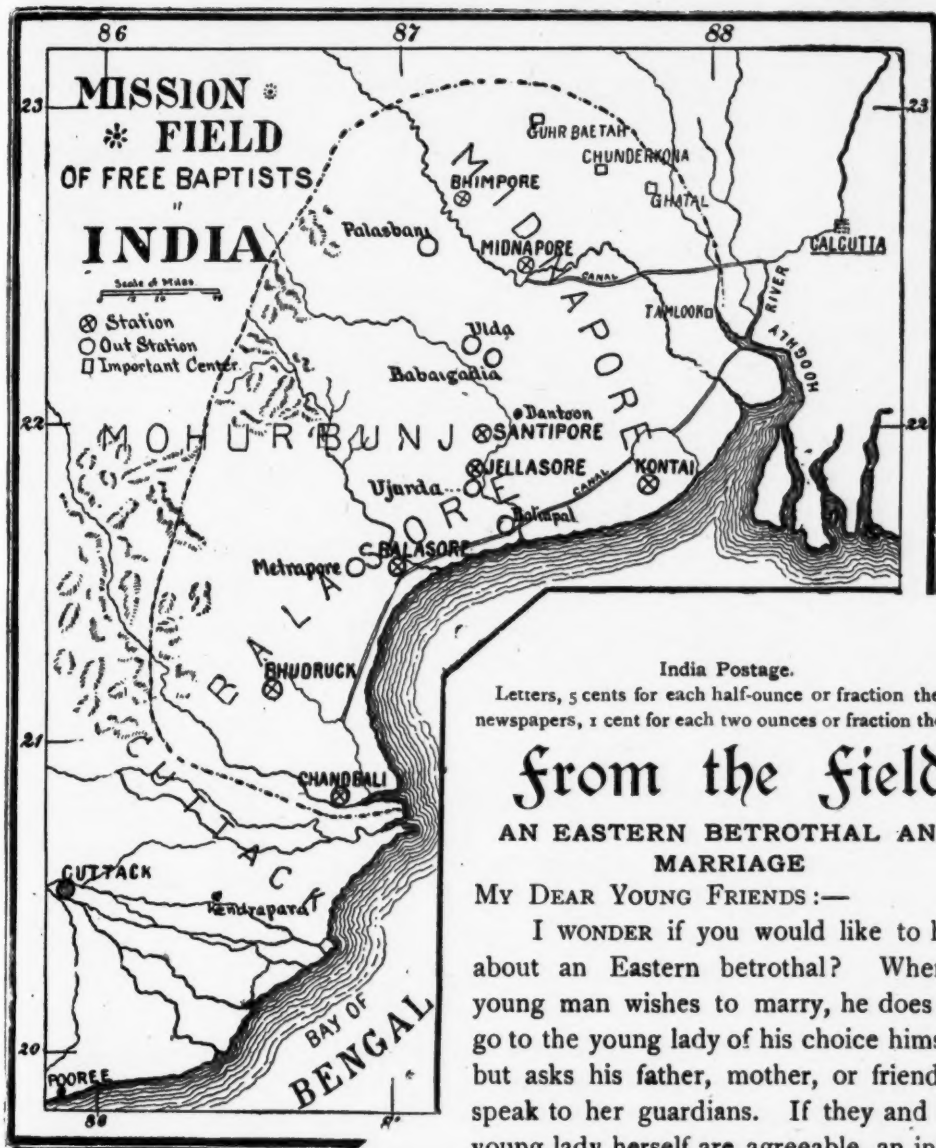
ELLA H. ANDREWS, *Chairman of Committee.*

Providence, R. I.

YOUTH has divine impulses. To cultivate the habit of obeying them is the most precious secret of life. You may afford without serious loss to deny yourself a picture, a pleasure, a beautiful garment, a gem, a book, a concert, a lecture, but to deny yourself obedience to a divine impulse is as cruel to yourself as if you should make an ugly mark on your own lovely face. In fact, that is precisely what we do when we deny ourselves the unselfish and do the selfish thing.

When Heaven through the Holy Spirit says to you, "Do this," "Go there," "Say that," count only the cost of disobedience. How will you know? If the word said by the Spirit is sanctioned by God's Word, you may not mistake.

A life of habit of obedience to divine impulses means what? First, the noblest kind of beauty, the richest usefulness, the highest success, the most unalloyed happiness; and last—God.—*Missionary Friend.*



India Postage.

Letters, 5 cents for each half-ounce or fraction thereof;
 newspapers, 1 cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof.

from the field

AN EASTERN BETROTHAL AND MARRIAGE

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS:—

I WONDER if you would like to hear about an Eastern betrothal? When a young man wishes to marry, he does not go to the young lady of his choice himself, but asks his father, mother, or friend to speak to her guardians. If they and the young lady herself are agreeable, an inter-

view is generally arranged between the two in the presence of the guardians of both parties. When all preliminary arrangements are made, we are informed that the bridegroom and his friends will call at a certain time in the evening. Some of the missionaries are invited, also friends of both parties.

At the appointed time the bridegroom elect, looking very bashful, arrives, accompanied by his friends. "The friend of the bridegroom," of whom you read in the Bible, is very much to the fore. He brings in the things to be given to the bride, and helps the bridegroom in all his arrangements. With a great deal of whispering they take their seats on the floor, generally, with the exception

of the bridegroom, who, in honor of the occasion, sits on a chair. The bride elect is then called and, together with the elder orphanage girls, takes her seat on the opposite side of the room. All but the two most concerned seem to enjoy it very much.

Proceedings are opened by a hymn, followed by prayer. A portion of Scripture is read, and a few words of advice or exhortation are spoken to the bride and groom elect. The groom is asked if it is his desire to marry this girl, and a similar question is put to the bride. He is then asked for the token of his love, and he steps over to her side and puts a ring on her finger, afterwards giving her the other things he has brought—a looking-glass, piece of soap, comb, *sari*, and other things. While another hymn is being sung, she retires, dresses herself in the *sari* and returns to salute the company. By thus wearing the *sari* he has given her she acknowledges to all that she is his future wife. Many look upon this as a "first" marriage. It is very binding, and she is henceforth spoken of as his "wife." The rest of the time is spent in eating sweetmeats and talking.

When the wedding day arrives, Sinclair Orphanage is the scene of much bustle and excitement. The bridegroom gives the bride her ornaments—silver bracelets, earrings, and a pin for the hair; these are brought by his friends who are passing to and fro all day. Four o'clock in the afternoon is the time fixed for the ceremony. The Orphanage children leave when the first bell rings, we stay to put the last touches to the bride's attire. She wore a green jacket, red *sari*, and a white wedding veil. Some artificial flowers, sent by some friend in America, looked pretty in her dark hair, and answered the purpose of orange blossoms. When all is finished, we start for the church in the bullock garry. The church "mali" (gardener) has placed some plants, greens, and flowers inside, which give the place a festive appearance.

The solemn marriage service begins, and in their own language these two promise to love each other, and in the presence of the assembled congregation join hands, while the pastor pronounces them man and wife. How simple and strange this ceremony must seem to the Hindus, who are peeping through the windows. *Their* marriage ceremonies last a whole week, and have much that is objectionable connected with them.

After the service we return home, the bridegroom accompanying the bride in the bullock garry. About seven o'clock we all—the newly married pair, his friends, the Orphanage children and missionaries—sit crosslegged on the floor to the wedding dinner of curry and rice, eaten with our fingers off leaf plates. The bride is feeling subdued as she stands at "the parting of the ways."

To-morrow she leaves the old home for the new with its untried ways.

Before she goes she whispers, in a voice choked with sobs, "Please pray I may be faithful and serve Jesus in the new life." Will you not all join in this prayer?

Balasore, India.

M. E. DAWSON.

TREASURER'S NOTES

A WELL at Sinclair Orphanage is a great necessity ; proper regard for the health of the inmates requires that it be built at once. As I have come into possession of the facts in the case, I wonder our missionaries have borne so patiently the situation. Our dear Miss Hattie Phillips, now Mrs. Stone, gave, as her wedding present, three hundred dollars toward building this well. Dr. Shirley Smith writes, "I am afraid it may cost \$500." Besides this gift there is now in the treasury \$32.92 for this purpose. Most of this was either given or collected by missionaries. Will not other friends, especially those interested in Sinclair Orphanage, make special contributions for this well? Its construction will begin at an early date, so, it is hoped, early responses will be made to this appeal.

Another five hundred dollars will soon be sent to India for the completion of Henderson Home and its outbuildings. At no time since the foundation of the F. B. W. M. S. has it put so much money into buildings as during the last year and a half. Kindergarten Hall, known as the Caroline A. Bradbury Hall, the completion of Henderson Home, Brown Dispensary, and the well are the results of this work. We have very much to be thankful for, because as the money has been needed it has been supplied. "Faith and works" have won.

The auxiliary at Litchfield Plains, Maine, has decided to take a share in Miss Coombs's, and one in Miss Eliza Sims's salary. I wish our friends could look over my book of assignments, and see how few shares in the salaries of missionaries and teachers are taken, and how many children, Bible women, and zenana teachers are assigned. You would at once see the need of taking the shares as they were given in an article in the January HELPER. Remember the shares in salaries are \$10 each, and in the literature and administration departments \$5. The \$5 shares can be easily taken by individuals who would like to be responsible for a certain part of the work.

The other day a check for five hundred dollars came from one who has regularly contributed a great deal to the society for years. It is to be added to the Batchelder Fund, making it one thousand dollars. This person is executing her own will in favor of the F. B. Woman's Missionary Society. There may be others who would like to do this way conditionally. If so, I should be pleased to correspond with them.

The executor of the estate of Mrs. Hannah B. Parker, Sylvester S. Doud, has sent her bequest to the W. M. S. It amounts to \$950, after deducting the State tax. Mrs. Parker lived in Sutton, Vermont, and for many years supported a child in Sinclair Orphanage. Her will provides that the income shall first support a child in the Orphanage, and "the residue" shall be used as the society may direct.

I wish to call attention to just a few interesting things that have happened during January, in addition to the receipt of the larger gifts. One is the gift of \$25 for the support of an orphan from an unknown source. Another, a letter from our Mrs. Coralie Franklin Cook with \$5 for the traveling expenses of our president, or her proxy, to the National Council. Still another \$5 from Miss C. E. Leavitt of California, one of our friends who does not forget Free Baptists even though far removed from our churches. Mrs. E. S. Cole, in sending a contribution, says, "I am passing my days serenely with my daughter." The auxiliary of the Second Buffalo church sends Nitya's salary, and says it "is doing good work." It appears from a letter received of Mrs. G. A. Gorden that the juniors of Campbell Hill, Illinois, should not have been included in the Roll of Honor in the MISSIONARY HELPER for January, as they had paid in advance the previous year, and now they send \$4 towards the two shares for 1905. We rejoice that these juniors still head the Roll of Honor.

ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS

I have received a letter which seems to me an omen of good regarding the one hundred thousand dollars referred to in the January "Treasurer's Notes." From the letter I make the following extracts: "I have been pondering for some time over the need of more funds. Then I read that item in the *Christian Endeavor World*, 'What Prayer and a Cent Accomplished,' and, following that, about all I could think of was the need of more money, and that cent and prayer. This morning my HELPER came, and the suggestion of one hundred thousand dollars. Then I had such a flash of conviction that the dear Father was just waiting for us to trust him. I have laid the matter before him, and am going to send you my penny to start that one hundred thousand dollars, and to ask you to join me in prayer for the Father's increase." In the letter was twenty-five cents, which God can multiply as were "the loaves and fishes multiplied."

In putting this matter thus seriously before our workers, I wish it distinctly understood that I am making no appeals for small contributions to this fund. If it is given to us it ought to come in large amounts, and from those who would only give the income of their contributions to the work. We have a good illustration of what I mean in the Cristy Fund, amounting to between \$30,000 and \$40,000. Mr. Cristy would never have given the society so much money for immediate use. I doubt if he would have given for that purpose more, in amount, than the present income of this fund, which yearly supports four teachers at Storer College. Indeed, a society like the F. B. W. M. S. could use to far better advantage the income of \$35,000 than that amount in the lump sum. For an immediate expenditure of a large sum would mean a degree of expansion of the work that would be hard to maintain in the future. Then again, God has, in

anticipation of man's need, piled up the gold and silver, and everywhere in nature we are reminded that the present supply of our daily needs comes through resources which it took ages to accumulate. And why should we not, as trustees of God's revenues, encourage the same kind of a policy in missionary work?

Colleges, universities, and philanthropies are inviting people of large means to make them the custodians of their money for public benefit. Why should not missionary societies do the same? I believe that unless they do, a great deal of money that might be entrusted to them will be diverted into other channels. Is it not better for the world that educational, philanthropic, and missionary institutions should be the trustees of money than that it should be in the hands of individuals? The wealth of this country is fast accumulating in the hands of the few. Why should we not pray that instead of remaining there it may find its way into such organizations as will use it for the public good, according to the wishes of the donors?

Viewing the financial problem from this standpoint, I can fearlessly ask God to give us a large fund the income of which, did we have it now, would help us, I believe, in solving some hard problems that concern our whole denomination. So I join the author of the letter already quoted in asking the friends of our work to pray for this fund, with this one promise, *if it be God's will*. We certainly do not want it unless he knows we can use it wisely. We do not want any one to contribute towards it by diverting their gifts from other organizations, or from the regular work. We simply ask if God wills to use the Woman's Missionary Society as a trustee of money that would only be contributed in the form of funds, that we may be in a position of mind and heart to invite them.

Ocean Park, Me.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, *Treasurer.*

(All money orders should be made payable at Dover, N. H.)

PUBLISHER'S NOTES

THE SUBSCRIBER WE ALL LIKE

How dear to the heart is the steady subscriber
 Who pays in advance at the birth of each year;
 Who lays down his money and does it quite gladly,
 And casts round the office a halo of cheer.
 He never says, "Stop it; I cannot afford it,"
 Nor, "I'm getting more papers than now I can read";
 But always says, "Send it, the family likes it —
 In fact we all think it a real household need."
 How welcome he is when he steps in the sanctum,
 How he makes our heart throb, how he makes our heart dance,
 We outwardly thank him, we inwardly bless him,
 The steady subscriber who pays in advance.

—*Exchange.*

MRS. ELLA H. ANDREWS,

122 Vinton Street, Providence, R. I.

Helps for Monthly Meetings

"With knowledge to supply the fuel, the Word and Spirit to add the spark, and prayer to fan the flame, missionary fires will be kindled, and souls will be set ablaze with holy zeal."

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TOPICS FOR 1905

January—An Outline Study of Japan:
1. The Island Empire.
February—Prayer and Praise.
March—2. The Making of the Nation.
April—The Young People's Missionary Movement.
May—Thank-Offering.
June—3. The Religions of Japan.
July—4. Modern Christian Missions.
August—Outing.
September—5. Woman's Work for Woman.
October—Roll-call and Member-ship Meeting. Missionary Helper.
November—6. Forces in the Conflict.
December—Christmas in Missions at Home and Abroad.

APRIL.—THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT

RALLY SONG

AIR: "Maryland, My Maryland"

Hear the tread of youthful feet,	Standard bearers for our King,
See a host victorious,	Sharers in his royalty,
Marching forth our King to greet,	His dear name we proudly sing,
'Neath his banner glorious.	Serving him with loyalty.

CHORUS.—Lift his royal standard high,
Tell the world the story,
Let our song and watchword be
Christ, the King of glory.

—From leaflet issued by Clara M. Cushman, Newton, Mass.

Suggestive Program.

SINGING—"Rally Song."

Responsive reading:—

Leader.—Have I not commanded thee: Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee, whithersoever thou goest.

Response.—Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

L.—The kingdom and dominion and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.

R.—He shall have dominion from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth.

L.—Yea, all kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him, and many nations shall come and say: Come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord and to the house of the God of Jacob, and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His ways.

R.—And they shall come from the east and the west and the north and the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.

L.—A little one shall become a thousand and a small one a strong nation; I the Lord will hasten it in his time.

All.—After this I beheld and lo! a great multitude which no man could number of all nations and kindreds and people and tongues, stood before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes and palms in their hands, and cried with a loud voice saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb.—*Children's Work for Children.*

Prayer.

Roll-call.—Respond with an event or incident in our own mission field, at home or abroad. (Refer especially to articles written by or for young people in this and the next number of the HELPER.)

Singing.—“True Hearted, Whole Hearted.”

Paper.—“The Young People's Missionary Movement”: (a) Its history; (b) Its influence upon the young people of to-day; (c) Its significance to the missionary work of the next generation. (See article by Mr. Myers in this number; one on “Missionary Leaders of the Future,” in *The Missionary Review of the World*, October, '04, Funk & Wagnalls Co., New York, price 25 cts., and a description of a meeting at Silver Bay, page 278, September, '04, HELPER.)

Discussion, or questions and answers, previously prepared.

Singing —“Onward, Christian Soldier.”

What is being done for native young people in our India field? Talk. (If the *India Report for 1904* is not accessible, refer to the report for 1903 in *Year Book*, and the December HELPER, 1904. Tell of the work for young people in the day and Sunday-schools, Christian Endeavor, temperance societies, and orphanages. Culled from the reports of all the missionaries at the several stations, this will make a very interesting and helpful talk or paper.)

Prayer for the young people connected with this Movement the world over.
For our own young people and their work.

WHAT God decrees must be carried to success and eventual victory.—*Bishop Baldwin.*

The Missionary Helper Branch of the International Sunshine Society

Have you had a kindness shown?
Pass it on.
'Twas not given for you alone—
Pass it on.

Let it travel down the years,
Let it wipe another's tears,
Till in heaven the deed appears,
Pass it on.

ALL letters, packages, or inquiries concerning this page, or Sunshine work, should be addressed to Mrs. Rivington D. Lord, 593 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., president of this branch.

One of the first to join the HELPER Branch was Mrs. Byron E. Wheeler of Kansas. She has scattered much sunshine since then, and recently wrote asking for names of those who would enjoy having the HELPER and C. E. papers sent to them. She also enclosed ten cents for our work.

Miss Clara M. Folsom reports for herself and sister, Ethel Folsom, that sickness has prevented doing much in the name of Sunshine, but the letter tells the story that she is trying to look on the bright side, which is living sunshine. She sent a beautiful poem to be passed on.

Mrs. Jacob Fleisher sent a box of pieces, all cut and ready to sew, with postage stamps, and the request that they be forwarded to the Sinclair Orphanage in India.

Mrs. N. E. Hutchins has helped in many ways, and is ready at any time to respond whenever there is need of cheer.

Mrs. E. N. Wheeler sent twenty-five cents as dues, and is passing on the *Morning Star* to a shut-in.

Miss L. A. DeMeritte remembered Sunshine with a gift of fifty cents.

Mrs. E. B. Delano is passing on good literature, and has given ten cents in stamps.

Mrs. Hannah Willmarth is spending the winter with a daughter in Springfield, Mass. She writes that she enjoys being a member of the I. S. S., and has been cheered by letters and greetings received.

Miss E. J. Small sent a few postage stamps and ten cents for International Dues, as every Branch is expected to give one dollar, at least, to the general work each year.

Mrs. A. M. Clark, in spite of invalid days, has been making up a box of useful articles for a woman left with a family of children; this Sunshine will be appreciated.

The members of the W. M. S. of the Free Baptist church of Carolina, R. I., have been enrolled in the HELPER Branch, and each one has paid initiation dues. May they be able to scatter much Sunshine and good cheer in their work for the Master.

Mrs. Emma A. Bly, of Fairport, N. Y., has joined as a helper, and gave twenty-five cents as initiation dues, besides writing cheerful letters and giving away much literature.

Mrs. Ora G. Wells and Miss Lillian G. Smith, both of Bristol, N. H., are new members who have passed on many rays of sunshine, in the form of cards to crippled children, silks to a shut-in, unfinished drawn-work handkerchiefs, and stamps for postage on same. Miss Smith is making a quilt, and would be glad to receive small pieces of new print.

Miss Lela M. Pickett, 51 Hamilton Street, Rahway, N. J., is in need of Sunshine. She has been an invalid many years, confined to her bed, able to do a little fancy work, which she sells, but cared for most of the time by thoughtful friends, as her loved ones have all passed away. We ask that tokens of remembrance be sent to her by the HELPER members, so that she may be able to say, "God bless the cheery souls who have made the life brighter for one of his unfortunate ones."

Practical Christian Living

"Pure religion as taught by Jesus Christ is a life, a growth, a divine spirit within, coming out in sympathy and helpfulness to our fellow-men."

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OUR QUIET HOUR

(10 A. M.)

"Thou," Not "He" *

(Ps. 23: 4, 5)

BY ERNEST G. WELLESLEY-WESLEY

"THOU," no longer "He," but "Thou,"
When death is drawing near.
Thou, no longer He, but Thou,
To banish every fear.
So glad am I that Thou art mine:
My Love, my Light, my Friend Divine.

"Thou," no longer "He," but "Thou,"
When all of earth doth fail.
Thou, no longer He, but Thou,
In whom I shall prevail.
So great my joy that Thou dost guide,
My Life, my Lord, once crucified.

"Thou," no longer "He," but "Thou,"
When on time's brink I stand;
Thou, no longer He, but Thou,
To hold my trembling hand.
Thy presence, Lord, doth banish dread,
I am by Thee so safely led.

"Thou," no longer "He," but "Thou,"
My dearest friend and best.
Thou, no longer He, but Thou,
To bring me to Thy rest.
No longer He, in life's glad now,
But Love's eternal, present Thou.

CHORUS:—

"Thou," no longer "He," but "Thou,"
Love's eternal, present Thou.

* One day while reading Ps. 23d, I noticed what I had never noticed before, the change from "He" to "Thou" in verses four and five. In my once familiar tongue, Spanish, we use "thee" and "thou" only between familiar friends. The thought came to me, "As the psalmist nears death he realizes the need of a friend to whom he can say 'thou.'" This hymn resulted. I also found the same thought in "The Life of Faith," the English organ of the Keswick movement. E. G. W. W.

SLOCUM MITE-BOX

BY L. S. F.

"SLOCUM mite-box, \$2.00," so the item read in the treasurer's annual report. Slocum is a small country railroad station—scarcely a village—boasting a church, two variety stores, and perhaps a dozen dwelling-houses. The schoolhouse is a mile and a half up the road, at a cross-roads known as Gardner's Four Corners. Here the youths and maidens of the country-side gain what erudition they may, and from here many of them step out directly into life.

The little white schoolhouse has but one room; this one, however, is light and sunny, though meager in working equipment. Yes, teachers come and go, one rarely returning for a second term,—“the environment was lonely” or “the walk too long.” As to Sunday school for these same children, the churches of the neighborhood are from two to five miles distant, and the parents, paying little heed to the claims or benefits of religion themselves, take but small pains to place them within the reach of their children.

Such were the conditions when a new teacher came to the Corner,—a woman tactful and alert, keen of perception and of large heart. She made school life a joy, and speedily won the affection of pupils and the confidence of parents. Stories are still told of the picnics held out of doors, and in a near-by friendly barn, when teacher joined with scholars in romping games and merry feasting. A Christian woman, her heart warmed to the starved Sunday lives of the children. An inspiration came to her—why not a Sunday school in the little white schoolhouse? To think was to act. The notice was sent out, the children—yes, and the parents—gathered, and Sunday school was held at the Corner school. The teacher became both superintendent and instructor, and, by her zeal, fired with interest a young woman—a visitor in the neighborhood—who became her helper. The Sunday school grew and prospered.

A woman of broad interests, this teacher, reaching even to the uttermost parts of the earth. A friend of hers was kindergarten missionary away in the far East. Out of her small salary, a slice—a surprisingly large slice—was devoted to the work of her friend. To the boys and girls of the Corner Sunday school she told the story of their brown brothers and sisters in that other land. They were eager, had never heard, wanted to help! A mite-box was produced, and in this, by glad consent, were dropped the offerings of the school. And into the heart of the young woman helper there dropped the seeds of eternal life. Eager to serve, her vision opened to the need of a personal Saviour, and then in that little Sunday school, alone with her soul and God, she dedicated her life to Him.

The teacher came again for a second term, and a third. Her life in the community, in all its relations, was an inspiration and a benediction. Days

passed, summer vacation came, the school and Sunday school closed, the teacher departing, little realizing the preciousness of her work, and the young woman returning to her home in the city, her heart aglow with the zeal of a new life.

It was a sweet work, and a worthy; yet on earthly records this alone appears,—“Slocum mite-box, \$2.00.”

WORK AMONG THE ARMENIANS

BY M. A. M.

It all began by speaking to a stranger one Sabbath morning at the close of the service. He was a short, thick-set, middle-aged man, who spoke English fairly well. One of our young women invited him to stay to the Bible School, but he declined the invitation with profuse thanks. The next Sabbath he came again, bringing a young man with him. Again he was greeted by a friend and this time accepted the invitation to stay. That was the beginning of the Armenian work. Other friends became interested in these strangers and they became regular attendants.

A teacher of a class of girls made some inquiries about their homes, and upon learning that there was a twelve-year-old girl in the family she secured the address and called. She was ushered into a room full of gentlemen boarders who could speak little or no English. Embarrassment would not adequately describe the feeling which passed over her for the first few minutes. She made several unsuccessful attempts at conversation and then gave up in despair. About this time the hostess appeared and relieved the embarrassment of the situation somewhat. Simultaneously, the spectacled gentleman appeared in the doorway, making many apologies for the inability of the family to express their pleasure at the honor of the visit.

Then followed some discussion about the situation of Armenians in their native land and a beautiful tribute to the work of American missionaries in the Turkish Empire. The hostess reappeared with some delicious Turkish tea which was served to the guest only. Through this family other children were reached, and, one by one, quite a few have been added to the school. They are interested, intelligent, and ambitious; indeed, one bright boy completed the supplemental lesson requirements before the American pupils last year, to the great astonishment of some of our lazy boys. The Armenians are an intelligent, industrious class of people and one can always tell when a family of them move into a block because the stairs are so cleanly scrubbed.

They invariably serve some form of refreshment to a guest, and it would be a polite hint to come no more if one were not served with something like tea, cakes, nuts or fruits. Just imagine the feeling of one who has called on four or

five families in an afternoon ! Like some other people, they believe in using the influence of friends in securing employment and are not slow to ask favors of this kind.

They have the custom of so many of the people of Europe and Asia of selecting the husbands for their daughters, and one often sees a middle-aged man with a wife of sixteen or seventeen years. One of our sixteen-year-old girls stopped coming to Sunday school, a short time ago, and the teacher called to learn the cause of her absence. Dropping in unexpectedly, she discovered the "reason why" in the presence of a thirty-year-old gentleman who had called to confer with the parents about the terms upon which he could secure this girl for his wife. That is one of the discouragements, the girls drop out when they are just beginning to be helped. Another is the fact that a priest is trying to induce them to attend the Roman Catholic church by giving them money and finding employment for them.

Two little children who recently moved to another city write that they are longing for the Lawrence Bible School. They have been to a school there several times but will go no more because, as they express it, "they don't care for us here."

The work is small and poorly done, but it may be said of it sometime, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto me."

Lawrence, Mass.

GOD KNOWS BEST

"I NEED oil," said an ancient monk. So he planted him an olive sapling.

"Lord," he prayed, "it needs rain, that its roots may drink and swell. Send gentle showers." And the Lord sent a gentle shower.

"Now frost, my Lord, to brace its tissues," said the monk, and behold, the little tree stood sparkling with frost. But at evening it died. Then the monk sought the cell of a brother monk, and told his strange experience.

"I, too, have planted a little tree," he said, "and see, it thrives well. But I entrusted my little tree to its God. He who made it knows better what it needs than a man like me. I laid no conditions. I fixed not ways or means. 'Lord, send it what it needs,' I prayed—'storm and sunshine, wind, rain, or frost. Thou hast made it, and Thou dost know.'"—*Philadelphia Methodist.*

EVERY morning God puts into our hands anew the mystery of our existence. The chance to do brave and kind deeds, to love him—these, the great chance of the soul, the "long life even for ever and ever," he gives us each day when

e.—Selected.

Words from Home Workers

"The most fortunate men and women are those who have worthy work to do, and who do it because they love it."

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RHODE ISLAND.—The young people of Rhode Island are alive to mission interests, and active in their efforts to aid the mission work of our denomination. Their gifts are sent, not through one channel, but through several channels, and for several lines of work. Some of the young people's societies help in the church mission work of the state; that is, the station and missionaries at Bhimpore, India. Others are interested in the kindergarten work at Balasore, India. These latter are rejoicing in the completion of the new Bradbury Kindergarten Hall, a building that is very satisfactory and substantial, and "should be," so writes a gentleman, "in good condition a hundred years from now." It is well adapted to the enlarged and up-to-date needs of the work. A lady who took her kindergarten training in Germany—the home of the kindergarten idea—has been found who will take the superintendent's place for a year, at least. She is familiar with Bengali, having worked in India, so she can take up the work at once. The outlook for the kindergarten work is very hopeful. Our young people are praying that the spirit of the right young woman may be awakened with a definite call to become our kindergarten missionary. Contributions are also made by a number of societies in the State, for our Unicoi School in Tennessee, and Storer College, West Virginia. In the local home mission work of the societies there is a gratifying variety of effort; the flower and helping-hand committees caring for the sick and poor in parish and community, sometimes reaching out more widely through the Salvation Army and Volunteers, and through "barrels" sent west and south. Mission fires are kept glowing by the holding of frequent missionary meetings; the circulation of the missionary library and denominational tracts; the use of the "prayer cycle," "study class," and other approved methods of the "forward movement." Gifts are made, largely by the voluntary pledge, collected weekly in envelope.

Providence.

LENA SWEET FENNER.

Carolina.—The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Free Baptist church was held Wednesday afternoon, with the president, Mrs. Franklin Metcalf. There was a goodly attendance. The secretary read a communication from the president of the HELPER Branch of the Sunshine Society, acknowledging the gift of postage stamps sent for the work of the society, at Christmas time. The president announced that a barrel of literature and clothing is all ready to be shipped to Harper's Ferry. She also read a letter from

India, describing the recent wedding of Miss Hattie Phillips, one of the missionaries supported by the Woman's Missionary Society. Then the lesson in "Dux Christus" was studied. At the close of the lesson the ladies were invited into the parlor, where lunch was served in Japanese style. The room was very prettily decorated with festoons of red and yellow crepe paper, and Japanese lanterns and fans. The guests were all seated on the floor, and the several courses were brought to them by Mrs. D. W. Hoxsie of Peacedale. Mrs. Hoxsie wore a bright kimona and pink obi. Mrs. S. D. Millin, in a lavender and white kimona, poured the tea which was served in tiny cups and saucers. The menu was in the following order: Sweetmeats, tea, rice, dried fish, wafers, tea, and sponge cake. During the feast Mrs. Metcalf exhibited pictures of places of interest in Japan, and Mrs. Crandall gave a talk on the food of Japan and manner of serving. Mrs. Millin sang a Japanese love song that elicited much applause. M.

NOTE.—I am sure that all our friends read with interest the brief account of our Miss Moody's visit East in the February HELPER. She was most cordially welcomed in our homes and churches, and many are inquiring if she will not soon visit New England again, that she may come to their church; and best of all was the effective work she did for the Master's cause, in bringing us closer together and helping us to see *all* the needs of our work. Several barrels of clothing and household necessities have found their way to some of our Western homes, and to Unicoi, and from one Sunday-school thirty dollars in cash, from the school and friends, under the efforts of the Women's Missionary auxiliary, have been added to funds for the latter cause—all resulting directly from "a talk with Miss Moody." Other gifts to aid in the work will be sure to follow. You will also be glad to know that all expenses for the trip East are met, and a goodly sum was collected toward forwarding the work. It was no mistake when the Western field agent was invited to spend a few weeks in the East and accepted the invitation. We all wish the time could have been extended, in order that those churches who so much desired her presence with them could have been gratified. A warm welcome awaits her future visit in New England.

CLARA A. RICKER, *Chairman of Committee.*

LOGICALLY, evangelism always precedes education; historically, it must often follow. . . . If we cannot begin where we would, we must begin where we can. The proper starting-point is the point of opportunity.—*E. A. Lawrence, D. D.*

"A WORD, a prayer, an earnest appeal, a song that would fall otherwise unheeded, goes home to the heart, filled with some subtle power when issuing from a Spirit-filled life."

AMONG OUR BOOKS.

(Books intended for notice in this department must be sent to editor THE MISSIONARY HELPER, Ocean Park, Me.)

Life of Rev. Otis Robinson Bacheler, M. D., D. D. Fifty-three Years Missionary to India. By Rev. Thomas H Stacy, author of "Around the World in the Path of Light," etc. It contains 512 pages, with 26 illustrations. Price, \$1.50, postpaid. Morning Star Publishing House, Boston, Mass.

In reading this altogether satisfactory biography of Dr. Bacheler, we are impressed not only with its completeness as the life-story of one whom we honor, but also with its value as a supplement to volumes previously written about our denominational work and workers. There is scarcely any repetition; so this, together with missionary reminiscences and the lives of other leaders, makes a most interesting and helpful history of our mission field. The record of Dr. Bacheler's boyhood and early manhood is one that we wish all young people might read. Its toils, privations, and heroic endurance need not be reproduced to-day, perhaps, but to read of them must inspire any one to do his best in spite of difficulties; to keep the cheerful spirit, in the midst of lesser ills, and to try to do the will of God, whatever that may be. Dr. and Mrs. Bacheler are dear to us all, and to follow them, in imagination, in their united work in India, through many years of consecrated service, in connection with that of other missionaries, gives us renewed courage for the work which confronts us to-day. The book is of value to any student of missions, with its clearly presented story of the gradually changing conditions in the foreign field, the altered attitude of the native to missionary effort, the wide-spread, rapidly growing, and deep-rooted influences of Christianity, the sharp contrast between material conditions, also, of the pioneer days and now; but to us it is of peculiar import, and we may well be proud to call this man our representative—his work ours. The book is not only admirably written, but excellently published, and will do honor to any library. We bespeak a wide reading for it.

Japan for Juniors. By Katharine R. Crowell. Profusely illustrated pamphlet of 64 pages. Published by the Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church. Price, 20 cts. postpaid.

This little book will be of practical help to junior superintendents. Each of the eight chapters is followed by an outline program and series of questions, also suggestions which will help make the meetings charming to children. A map, pictures, poems, and puzzles add to its attractiveness and helpfulness. Order of Mrs. A. D. Chapman, 12 Prescott Street, Lewiston, Maine.

Juniors

A LITTLE BROTHER

Though black the hand, red, brown, or white,
All hearts are just the same;
Each one is precious in His sight,
Each, one He calls by name,

And those who hear in every land
With loyal hearts and true,
Will grasp some little brother's hand,
And lead him onward, too.

—Mrs. N. M. Waterbury.

JUNIOR MISSION PROGRAMS

"STRANGERS IN OUR LAND"

PREPARED BY MISS BERTHA L. BARNEY

SONG SERVICE.

Scripture Reading, Lev. 19 : 33, 34.

(Have a map of the United States outlined upon the blackboard.)

Lead the juniors to discuss the difference between home and foreign missions.

Singing, "My Country 'Tis of Thee" (Standing or marching.)

Prepare a few sentences concerning the principle nationalities represented in the United States. (Learned by juniors if possible.) As these are given, let the superintendent print or pin a suggestive picture upon the section of the map where largely found :—"Chinese" across California, etc. Suggest the "Colored Race" were once "strangers in our land."

Which of these people are Free Baptist juniors most interested in?

Locate and give a few facts about Harper's Ferry.*

Suggest ways of helping these "strangers."

Prayer Service. Benediction. (Distribute mite boxes* to be opened at next missionary meeting.)

ABOUT SOME OF OUR "BROTHERS"

Let the leader explain how we may all belong to the family of Christ, and how we should look upon our fellow-men as our brothers, as the Bible teaches us.

Roll-call: Answer in texts that have been committed to memory. Whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother and sister and mother. Matt. 12 : 50. And this commandment have we from Him, that he who loveth God love his brother also. 1 John 4 : 21. 1 John 2 : 9, 10, 11. Matt. 18 : 21, 22, 35. 1 John 4 : 20. Matt. 7 : 3, 4, 5. Rom. 12 : 10. 1 Thess. 4 : 9. Heb. 13 : 1. 2 Pet. 1 : 5, 6, 7. Deut. 15 : 11, etc.

* Send to Mrs. A. D. Chapman, 12 Prescott St., Lewiston, Me., for leaflets about Storer College and President McDonald; also for mite-boxes.

Prayer by leader, and sentence prayers by the Band, that we may show brotherly kindness to all around us, and that our mission work for others may be a pleasure

Recitation, "A Little Brother."

Question. How many negroes are there in our country?

Answer. About eight millions, of whom between two and three millions are children of school age.

Ques. What was the condition of the colored people before the war which commenced in 1861?

Ans. They were slaves, and were sold from one master to another, just like any other property.

Ques. Can you tell anything of their homes?

Ans. They lived in little one-room log cabins on the plantations near the homes of their masters. There were no windows, the daylight coming in through holes in the walls. The great stone chimneys made fine fireplaces, where the pine knots furnished the fires and lights for the winter evenings.

Ques. Were there any schools for the children?

Ans. They were forbidden, but sometimes their masters' children, who remembered how faithful they had been, taught them what they could.

Ques. Whose birthday was celebrated on the twelfth of February, and why?

Ans. That of Abraham Lincoln, who signed the proclamation that made the negroes free, after being in slavery, as a race, nearly two hundred years.

Ques. What happened after the war?

Ans. Schools were commenced, by missionary societies, where the colored people could send their children.—*Home Mission Echoes.*

MISSION WORKERS

THERE are all sorts of missionary helpers. There have been missionary hens whose eggs have brought money into the treasury, and whose chickens have been sources of profit to our work. There are pet dogs who are taught to carry a box to callers, in which they may drop a coin. There was once an English parrot that would shout to every visitor entering the house, "Walk in, sir; pop some money in the Bible box!" And when the visitor obeyed would applaud with a rousing "Hip, hip, hurrah!" In this way Polly in fourteen years raised nearly two hundred and fifty dollars. This story is true, and so is this: Miss Frances E. Willard, of blessed memory, had a beautiful white Angora cat, with long hair and a tail like a plume. His name is "Tootsie," and, though old, he is still living with Miss Willard's cousin, Miss Norton of Chicago. Tootsie has earned two thousand dollars for the Woman's Christian Temperance Union from the sale of his photographs.—*Picture Lesson Paper.*

Contributions.

F. B. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts for January, 1905.

MAINE.

Anson Conf. coll.	\$2.10
Augusta aux. for Miss Coombs last quarter 1904	5.00
Bath North St. ch. \$15 for Hemlotti \$5 for teacher Bom. Sci. Storer College	20.00
Casco Union aux. for Balasore work	5.00
Dexter aux. T. O. 60 cts	6.35
Dover and Foxcroft by dues	2.75
Dover and Foxcroft Junior C. E. Society	2.60
Kingfield aux.	3.00
Lincoln ch. S. S.75
Limerick aux. for gen. work and cn L. M. in Gen. Soc. of Mrs. Thestrup	1.40
Milo for native teacher	6.25
Madison aux. for last quarter 19 4 and first quarter 1905	12.50
Ocean Park Mrs. N. W. Whitcomb towards trav. exp. of pres. to National Council50
Portland aux. \$10 for Miss Coombs and \$5 D. S. at Storer	15.00
(\$5 of the above on L. M. in Gen. Soc. of Mrs. Alice Merryman.)	
Portland aux. by Miss Deering's class for Nevada	5.00
(\$3.80 to complete L. M. fee in Gen. Soc. of Miss Harriet Deering. \$1.11 on L. M. fee in Gen. Soc. of Miss Lydia Focy.)	
Saco aux. for Lydia Durgin S. O.	25.00
Saco juniors for one sh. Miss Barnes's salary	4.00
Springfield Q. M. aux. for Miss Coombs	6.00
W. Buxton aux. for Midnapore work	3.00
W. Falmouth aux. for Miss Coombs \$6 Balasore work \$2 C. Roll money \$1.65	9.65
Unknown for support of child in S. O.	25.00

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Dover Int. Dpt. S. S. for Miss Barnes	4.00
Dover Hills H. and F. M. Soc. int. of Littlefield loan	10.00
Gonic C. E. for Alma Seavy S. O.	13.00
Hampton aux. for rooms Storer College to be furnished by W. M. S.	4.00
Hampton Rev. G. C. Waterman special furnishing G. C. Waterman room Storer	15.00
Kittery Point aux. for Miss Sims at Storer by Mrs. L. D. Church	2.00
Lakeport aux.	5.00
Loudon, Mrs. L. W. Wiggin on a One Hundred Thousand Fund25
Northwood Ridge C. R.	1.66
Portsmouth aux.	4.00
Rockingham Asso. coll.	3.00
Somersworth jun soc. Miss Barnes	4.00
From a friend for the permanent fund to be added to the Batchelder Fund	500.00

VERMONT.

Hardwick aux. for Dr. S.	5.00
Huntington Asso. W. M. S. Dr. S.	4.00
Sutton estate of Hannah B. Parker for a fund \$25 yearly of income for support of child in S. O. and residue as soc. shall direct	950.00
West Derby aux. for Dr. S.	5.00
Wheelock Asso. W. M. S. Dr. S.	4.60

MASSACHUSETTS.

Amesbury aux. dues of Mrs. Moulton and Mrs. Lamprey	\$2.00
Lowell Paige St. aux. dues \$1 T. O. \$1 Mrs. E. S. Cole	2.00

RHODE ISLAND.

Carolina aux. kindergarten work	5.00
Pawtucket church for kindergarten work	6.25
Pawtucket aux. for Ind. work	6.25
Providence Rog. Wms. C. E. K. work	18.75
Providence Rog. Wms. aux. K. work	12.50
Providence Rog. Wms. aux. Ind.	12.50
Providence Rog. Wms. C. R.	4.56
Taunton aux. for K. W.	3.00
Taunton aux. Ind.	3.00

NEW YORK.

Buffalo 2d F. B. ch. W. M. S. for Nitya	25.00
New York Mrs. E. B. Grannis on traveling exp. of pres. or proxy to National Council	2.00

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington Mrs. Coralie Franklin Cook for trav. exp. of pres. or proxy to National Council	5.00
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ILLINOIS.

Campbell Hill jun. for Miss Barnes	5.00
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MICHIGAN.

Gobleville aux. for Lela in W. H.	5.00
Grand Ledge Jun. C. E. for Miss Barnes	4.00
W. Oshtemo Miss. Soc.	10.00

MINNESOTA.

Blue Earth City aux. 1-2 Dr. B. 1-2 H. M.	7.00
Huntley aux. Dr. B.	7.50
Money Creek aux. for Miss Barnes	3.56
Money Creek S. S. for Miss Barnes	1.00

IOWA.

Spencer ch. for Miss Barnes	7.63
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KANSAS.

Denton aux.	3.50
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SOUTH DAKOTA.

Sioux Falls S. S. birthday box for Beraj in S. O.	5.00
Sioux Falls juniors for Beraj in S. O.	1.00
Sioux Falls aux. for Miss Dawson's salary	1.15
Valley Springs aux. for Miss Dawson's salary	1.15

CALIFORNIA.

Santa Ana Miss C. E. Leavitt for Bible woman India	5.00
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PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

Coaticooke Mrs. O. M. Moulton for W. M. S.	2.00
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MISCELLANEOUS.

For Sinclair Memorial	1.40
Income of working funds for Inc. Fund	17.50

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